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MEMORANDUMSUBJECT: Dallas Area Intergovernmental Steering Committee for  
Lead Issues (Associated with the RSR Superfund Site)FROM: *for* Allyn M. Davis, Director *Jack Davis*  
Hazardous Waste Management Division (6H)TO: Elliott Laws, Assistant Administrator  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (5101)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on our efforts to form a partnership with agencies to address lead contamination in the Dallas area.

On October 13, 1994, Region 6 hosted a second meeting of local, State, and Federal agencies to propose a joint approach to general community concerns regarding lead contamination that might develop as a result of the release of Region 6 studies of the RSR Superfund site in West Dallas. The Federal, State, and local agencies represented at this meeting (the "Steering Committee") are providing paragraphs outlining their roles regarding lead problems in Dallas and providing a contact person. This information will be used in a joint press statement and in a directory of agency personnel who can be contacted to answer specific lead-related questions from the public. This information will also be useful when the agencies participate in EPA's public meetings associated with the RSR site. The next meeting for this group is scheduled to be held on October 27, 1994. Summaries of the October 13 meeting, attendees, and proposed October 27 meeting agenda are attached for your information.

We are pleased that those agencies who didn't attend the first meeting (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Texas State Department of Health (TDH), and the Dallas County Hospital District), participated in our second meeting. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) was present at the meeting to discuss their grant program.

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One of the proposals at the meeting was that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and TDH hold concurrent public comment periods on the ATSDR West Dallas Blood Lead Study Report and the TDH Health Assessment along with EPA's Proposed Plan for the residential portions of the RSR Superfund site. We are evaluating the logistical and legal implications of this proposal.

If you wish to discuss the material provided with this memorandum, please contact me or have your staff contact Carl Edlund at (214) 665-6664.

**Attachments**

cc: Henry Longest, OERR (5201)  
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ENCLOSURE #1

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SUMMARY NOTES  
DALLAS INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEAD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 1994

Attendees: See Enclosure #2

1. Corrections to 9/27/94 draft meeting summary notes:

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), had corrections to the meeting summary notes written related to their discussion. ATSDR offers grant programs for lead poisoning prevention programs, not lead abatement. The FY95 grant applications will be received February through April 1995, for funding on July 1, 1995.

2. Sequence of events regarding the RSR site studies:

EPA supplied a draft generalized schedule of activities related to completion and release of the EPA environmental lead study reports and proposed plans for the residential properties in West Dallas, including the Dallas Housing Authority area. The schedule envisioned community open houses, release of the intergovernmental press release, and start of EPA's public comment period occurring November 11-18, 1994. EPA's public meeting on the proposed plan would be held approximately December 1.

This schedule assumed the City/ATSDR blood lead study report would be completed by approximately October 28 for release along with EPA's report. ATSDR said they needed public comment on their report and would like to do a concurrent (joint, if legal?) press release, public meeting and public comment period. The City will also have a "proposed plan" emphasizing their ongoing lead screening and follow-up programs. ATSDR needed to check to see if the open house meetings, which are before the start of EPA's official comment period, would trigger their public comment period.

After the meeting, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) indicated they were finalizing the Health Assessment for the RSR site which also needed public comment. If TDH can get the ATSDR report and data by the end of October, they believe they can complete their Health Assessment in time to release it and hold a public comment period concurrent with those for EPA and ATSDR reports.

Based on the proposed schedule, the intergovernmental press release regarding jurisdictions, responsibilities and authority of Steering Committee agencies needs to be completed by November 11, 1994, at the latest. A few

agencies brought along paragraphs regarding their organizations. The City suggested we develop a specific directory of contacts with phone numbers for the agencies which the public could call for specific lead-related questions. Each agency will fax their paragraph and specific contacts to Carl Edlund at fax number (214) 665-6762 by Friday, October 21.

3. Other discussions:

EPA, TDH, HUD and City of Dallas - EPA Region 6 awarded grant to TDH to set-up a lead paint abatement program. If the State doesn't have such a program in place which certifies training of lead abatement workers, HUD money can't be used to do lead abatement in that State. TDH is trying to get legislation in place to establish a certification/training program.

HUD - Will announce the awardees of grants within the next few weeks. The program is administered from HUD HQ; the Regional office has a very limited role. The City will provide a write-up related to their application for blood lead screening funds to HUD.

CDC - Dave Forney, grant director for the childhood lead poisoning prevention program talked about CDC grants. CDC had a 27 million dollar budget and grants were awarded to 37 grantees. The City of Dallas submitted a grant application which was approved, but not funded. FY95 applications will be received in February, March and April for award on July 1, 1995. The grants are not formula grants, but range from \$100K to over one million dollars. The grants are for screening, medical information management, lab equipment, training environmental investigators, etc. The grant cannot be used for treatment or lead abatement.

In Chicago and Providence, CDC (in concert with HUD Office of Lead Paint Abatement) awarded grants for lead poisoning prevention. Under the joint grants, residents will be trained in lead inspection and lead abatement workers will be certified. Every house in a specified area will be inspected and lead abatement will be done (whether children are in the home or not) to create a "lead free" zone. Both Illinois and Rhode Island have a State certification program in place.

Philadelphia received a grant for Environmental Justice initiatives related to lead and empowerment zone enterprise money may be available from EPA.

4. Next meeting: Thursday, October 27, 1994 at 10:30 a.m. at EPA Region 6, Dallas office.

Enclosure #2

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 1994

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ENCLOSURE #3

## PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

DALLAS AREA INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEAD MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 1994  
10:30 a.m.

- I. Corrections, additions, deletions to EPA's draft meeting summary of the October 13, 1994, meeting (Enclosure #1).
- II. Current sequence of events regarding the RSR site studio (EPA, ATSDR, and TDH).
- III. Draft Press Statement regarding roles and authorities; complete directory of contacts.